

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-50-WS - ORDER NO. 2006-776
DECEMBER 15, 2006

IN RE: Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and)	ORDER APPROVING
James C. Thigpen for Approval of the)	TRANSFER AND
Transfer of Assets, Operating Authority, and)	OPERATING
Sewer Service Systems of Goat Island Water)	AUTHORITY OF WATER
and Sewer Company, Inc. Without)	AND WASTEWATER
Limitation From Timothy P. Oliver to)	FACILITIES
James C. Thigpen.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the joint request of James C. Thigpen and Timothy P. Oliver (“Applicants”) to approve the contract for the proposed transfer of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company, Inc. (“Goat Island” or the “Company”), without limitation, from James C. Thigpen to Timothy P. Oliver. In order to receive approval of the transfer of Goat Island’s water and wastewater facilities, the Applicants must obtain from the Commission a certificate based on its determination that the transfer or acquisition is in the public interest that public convenience and necessity require the proposed operations. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504, 704. The regulations further require that such determination be made after applicable information has been filed with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”), other interested water and wastewater utilities, and the public. *Id.*

On February 1, 2006, Thigpen and Oliver jointly filed a Joint Application for Transfer of Assets and Authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company, Inc.

(“Application”) within Clarendon County with the Commission. The Application states Oliver’s experience in owning and operating water and sewer systems as a primary reason for the transfer. ORS notified the Commission on February 16, 2006, that it had no objection to the issuance of the Notice of Filing. By letter dated March 1, 2006, the Commission’s Docketing Department instructed the Applicants to publish, no later than March 13, 2006, a Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area. The Applicants timely presented proof that it had complied with these requirements.

On March 31, 2006, DHEC filed a motion to intervene, stating that it neither received the Application nor the business plan of the Applicants. However, on October 27, 2006, by Motion to be Removed as a Party to this Action, DHEC informed the Commission that these requirements were met, that the Applicants were in compliance with all DHEC regulations, and that an operating permit was issued. The Commission granted DHEC’s Motion in Order No. 2006-704 (dated December 1, 2006).

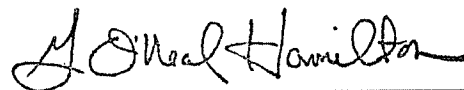
No other Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. In addition, ORS does not oppose the Application. Accordingly, on November 27, 2006, the Applicants requested that the Commission rule on this matter.

Based on the foregoing, including the transferee’s experience in operating systems of this kind, and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 and 704, the Commission concludes that it is in the public interest to approve and issue a certificate for the proposed transfer of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company located within Clarendon County from James C. Thigpen to Timothy P. Oliver. Therefore, the

Commission grants approval and issues the certificate for the transfer of Goat Island, finding that it is in the public interest.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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